AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] It is therefore difficult to deal with [[a]] large varieties of documents even if those image recognition apparatuses mentioned above are equipped with capabilities to maintain document layouts. More specifically, there are problems as described below depending on the fonts and layouts of texts and graphics on an original document, when character code data obtained by recognizing them from character images are outputted in specific output fonts.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] ~~Fig. 10~~ Figs. 10A and 10B are ~~is a~~ flow ~~chart~~ charts showing the output adjustment process shown in Fig. 9;

Please replace paragraph [0071] with the following amended paragraph:

[0071] If ~~there are~~ multiple character regions exist in the input image data, said output adjustment processes (S16, S21-S31) are performed on all character regions (S28).